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REFS: (A) ANKARA 5173; (B) BRUSSELS 13558

1. CAPORALE, LEADER OF TWO-MAN EC COMMISSION TEAM TO TURKEY LAST WEEK, GAVE MISSION OFFICER JULY 25 A BRIEF READ-OUT ON HIS DISCUSSION WITH GOT OFFICIALS WHICH INDICATES THAT TALKS WENT PRETTY MUCH AS FORETOLD IN REF TELS. CAPORALE SAID DISCUSSIONS WERE "CONSTRUCTIVE". HE CONTINUED THAT ALTHOUGH TURKS HAVE NOT YET DONE ALL THEIR HOMEWORK AND APPARENTLY DO NOT KNOW IN DETAIL WHAT PROPOSALS THEY WILL WISH TO PUT FORWARD FOR MODIFYING EC-TURKEY ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT, IT IS CLEAR THAT GOT WANTS TO PICK UP THE THREAD OF RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY IN A POSITIVE SPIRIT. CAPORALE SAID THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO FURTHER EXPERTS LEVEL MEETING IN BRUSSELS IN SEPTEMBER AND THAT DEPENDING ON HOW THOSE TALKS GO, AN
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"OFFICIAL" EC DELEGATION (AS CONTRASTED WITH HIS OWN INFORMAL VISIT TO ANKARA LAST WEEK) MIGHT GO TO ANKARA IN OCTOBER TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON CHANGES IN THE EC-TURKEY ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT.

2. CAPORALE SAID THAT IN LAST WEEK'S INFORMAL TALKS, TURKISH OFFICIALS: (A) ASKED FOR A FIVE-YEAR SUSPENSION

OF TURKEY'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT
FOR PHASED TARIFF REDUCTIONS ON EC INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS;
AND (B) SAID THAT GIVEN TURKEY'S SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC
NEEDS, THE GOT IS SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN
DISCUSSING FURTHER WITH THE EC THE LATTER'S OFFER
OF TWO YEARS AGO (PARA 4 REF A) TO CONCLUDE WITH TURKEY
AN ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT. HINTON

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